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DE 19605311 D1 discloses a method for automatically cleaning UV reactors. During such a procedure the radiation intensity of the UV radiators in

the reactor is continuously monitored and if a predefined measurement value is exceeded, a signal is output, which releases the UV reactor from the waste water treatment process by closing predetermined valves, empties the UV reactor through respective valves with ventilation at the same time and starts the cleaning process.

DE 3628656 A1 discloses an apparatus for cleaning systems which guide fluids, in particular heating systems. The cleaning is carried out using a distribution system of connections and valves with a high performance pump. The distribution system is attached to the system to be cleaned and the valves execute the switching of all operations of the cleaning process.

DE 2106223 discloses a connection arrangement for the internal cleaning of apparatuses in a cyclic process. During the process different fluids are supplied to the connection arrangement by switching the valves accordingly.

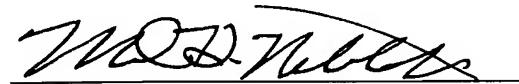
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